

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 756

By Boyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Friendship Christian School girls' bowling team on winning the TSSAA Division II State Girls' Bowling Tournament.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize and applaud those successful high school sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of athletes is the Friendship Christian School girls' bowling team, which recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II State Girls' Bowling Tournament; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit, and the Lady Commanders exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna, the Lady Commanders made their way across the bracket, knocking down their opponents from Saint Mary's Episcopal School and Pope John Paul II High School; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2018, the Lady Commanders defeated the St. Benedict at Auburndale Eagles and were declared the Division II State Girls' Bowling Tournament champions; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous victory concludes a successful championship season for the Friendship Christian School girls' bowling team, which has an overall record of 14-2; and

WHEREAS, the members of this exemplary team include Mikayla Keopf, Madisen Strickland, Lexi Brown, Olivia Sims, Bayley West, Kennedy West, Ella Johnson, Casie Cottrell, Grace Karstens, Kyleigh Pitzer, and Allyson Stallworth; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy West won the TSSAA Division II State Girls' Bowling Individual Championship on January 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this state championship team enjoyed the leadership, dedication, and commitment of Head coach Jon Shoulders and Assistant Coaches Mark Strickland and Allen Slaughter; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Commanders also received unwavering support from their high school principal, Veronica Bender; athletic principal, Randall Dunn; athletic director, John McNeal; and president, Jon Shoulders; and

WHEREAS, these young women from Friendship Christian School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success and shown the highest degree of character both in and out of the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Lady Commanders of Friendship Christian School for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Friendship Christian School girls' bowling team on winning the TSSAA Division II State Girls' Bowling Tournament, applaud the team's tremendous athletic prowess, and extend to each player our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.